

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of US Cellular,) Application No. 911-022.11
Chicago, Illinois, seeking)
funding approval for recurring) ORDER APPROVING COSTS AND
and non-recurring costs of) INCORPORATING PRIOR DOCKETS
Enhanced Wireless 911)
implementation.) Entered: October 24, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission approved written requests for funding received August 27, 2003 and March 10, 2005, wherein US Cellular, sought funding from the Enhanced Wireless 911 Fund to provide enhanced wireless 911 service to the following public safety answering point[s] (PSAP[s]): Douglas, Sarpy, Cass, Lancaster, Otoe, Saunders, Seward and Washington Counties. US Cellular acquired additional wireless properties from Alltel Wireless on August 23, 2006. These additional properties were located in the following counties: Adams, Antelope, Blaine, Boone, Brown, Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Chase, Cherry, Clay, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dawson, Dixon, Dodge, Douglas, Dundy, Fillmore, Frontier, Furnas, Gage, Garfield, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Holt, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Kearney, Keith, Knox, Lancaster, Lincoln, Logan, Madison, Merrick, Nance, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Perkins, Phelps, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Red Willow, Richardson, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Seward, Sherman, Stanton, Thayer, Thomas, Thurston, Valley, Washington, Wayne, Webster, and York.

US Cellular sought initial non-recurring costs and recurring costs to implement and provide enhanced wireless 911 service for the above-listed PSAP[s]. Initial costs were for data circuits, facility charges, engineering labor, database upgrades, project management and other operations costs. Recurring costs were monthly fees for data circuits, facility charges, ongoing engineering labor, database management and project management.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

This Order is being processed pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat.* §§ 86-444 to 86-456 (2006 Supp.), 291 Neb. Admin. Code, Chapter 1, Section 5, and Progression Order No. 5 in Commission Docket No. 911-001, entered July 16, 2002.

As an initial matter, the Commission finds consistent with its order entered in Docket 911-022 on July 18, 2006, that all filings and orders entered in Docket[s] WSP-011 and WSP-011.1 shall be incorporated into the present docket by this reference.

Costs requested in relation to this Order are eligible under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-465(2)(a) (2006 Supp.).

All costs have been incurred or will be incurred to implement enhanced wireless 911 service, and may include the following: (a) the portion of the costs for new equipment used for providing enhanced wireless 911 service; (b) costs to lease another vendor's equipment or services to provide enhanced wireless 911 service; (c) costs to create or maintain any database or database elements used solely for enhanced wireless 911 service; and (d) other costs of establishing enhanced wireless 911 service.

US Cellular submitted an implementation plan in compliance with Commission Docket No. 911-001.

US Cellular has already implemented enhanced wireless 911 service in Douglas, Sarpy, Cass, Lancaster, Otoe, Saunders, Seward, and Washington Counties. Funding for these counties pursuant to this Order shall continue.

Attached hereto in Appendix A is a summary of approved funding for US Cellular to be paid from the Fund. All amounts previously approved will be paid according to the amounts set forth in Appendix A as of the effective date of this order. The Commission will utilize Appendix A as the basis to review and ensure the correctness of all prior payments. Information set forth in Appendix A shall be treated as proprietary and confidential.

Payment of all recurring charges shall be made in arrears on a quarterly basis. Payment shall be adjusted based upon the number of cell sites reported by US Cellular in its quarterly reports required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-459 (2006 Supp.) Payments to US Cellular will no longer be made upon invoice. The Commission will not approve any increase in Wireless Carrier costs during the effectiveness of the interim policy, which was adopted by the Commission in Application No. 911-017/PI-116, Order Adopting Interim Policy, January 9, 2007. The Commission will continue to consider costs associated with new implementations.

US Cellular shall comply with all reporting requirements set forth in § 86-459. Failure to do so could result in delay or loss of funding.

The Commission further finds that US Cellular is hereby put on notice that approval of the funding pursuant to this Order is made with the understanding it may be modified in the future

consistent with the permanent funding mechanism established pursuant to LB 1222 (2006).

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that all filings and orders entered in Dockets WSP-011, and WSP-011.1 shall be incorporated into the present docket by this reference. All future funding requests filed by US Cellular shall be filed in the present docket.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that US Cellular's funding should be granted as outlined herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that all future payments made to US Cellular after the effective date of this order shall be consistent with Appendix A unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of October, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director